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RABBI ISAAC TRAININ TO KEYNOTE ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON APRIL 10-11, 1987

The fourteenth Annual Synagogue Shabbaton will be held this year on Friday evening, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, 1987. The theme will be JEWISH RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HUNGRY AND THE HOMELESS: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS. One of the most exciting advantages of the timing of this weekend which is on Shabbat HaGadol, the Sabbath before Passover, is that by our serving Friday dinner and Saturday lunch, it means a Shabbat of no cooking for you!

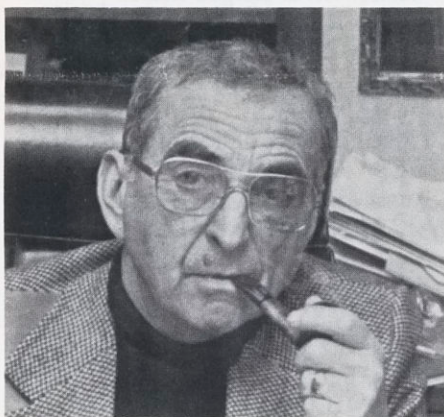
The keynote speaker on Friday evening will be Rabbi Isaac Trainin whose topic will be: DO WE REALLY TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN? THE REAL MEANING OF TZEDAKAH.

Rabbi Trainin has been in Jewish communal work for 42 years. He is the former Director of Religious Affairs for United Service for New Americans, a former Administrative Assistant to Dr. Samuel Belkin at Yeshiva University, and was the founder and director of the Department of Religious Affairs at Federation from 1952 until his retirement in 1986. Rabbi Trainin was also the founder of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty and served as its first president. He is the author of six volumes dealing with his forty years of service to the Jewish community of New York. He serves on the boards as advisor to several public service agencies. Rabbi Trainin is a member of Kehilath Jeshurun.

Another KJ member is our respondent that evening, Ruth Shapiro, who will be representing the Joint Passover Association. Her topic will be: THE ROLE THE JOINT PASSOVER ASSOCIATION PLAYS IN HELPING EVERY NEEDY JEW IN NEW YORK CELEBRATE PASSOVER IN HIS OWN HOME WITH DIGNITY. The Association is also headed by another KJ member, Ruth Kobrin.

Saturday Morning

Prior to lunch on Saturday morning, we will have a panel presentation by three peo-



ple whose organizations are regularly working to aid the homeless and the hungry. Another KJ member, Sari Scheinberg will be representing Project Dorot. Project Dorot serves the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Misha G. Avramoff, Executive Director of Project Ezra and another long time Jewish communal executive, will be representing Project Ezra. The members of Project Ezra were recently guests again this year of the KJ Sisterhood for its March meeting. Project Ezra is also one of the recipient agencies of our synagogue lobby food collection effort.

Finally, from our sister synagogue on the West Side, the Spanish and Portuguese (Shearith Israel) Synagogue will be Rita Rodin, who is co-chairman of their Social Action Committee and who co-presides over their Winter Shelter Program. The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue is one of the few synagogues who conducts such a program in the City of New York.

Saturday Afternoon

The Shabbaton will conclude with two presentations Saturday afternoon. The first will be a presentation on the Passover laws and customs delivered by Rabbi Dale Polakoff. Between mincha and maariv Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will present his annual Shabbat HaGadol drasha described elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN TO DELIVER SHABBAT HAGADOL DISCOURSE

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein will deliver his discourse for Shabbat HaGadol on Saturday afternoon, April 11, in the Main Synagogue.

The subject of the discourse will be "INFERTILITY: CONTEMPORARY HALACHIC RESPONSES TO AN AGE OLD DILEMMA." It will be an exploration of artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization, surrogate motherhood and adoption.

The discourse will be held following mincha which begins at 6:40 P.M.

PASSOVER LAWS AND CUSTOMS

Rabbi Dale Polakoff will offer his fifth annual lecture on Passover laws and customs on Saturday afternoon, April 11, Shabbat HaGadol, at 5:40 PM.

The lecture will be presented in the Etra Chapel and will be part of the congregation's Annual Synagogue Shabbaton weekend.

RABBI JACK BIELER TO CONDUCT PASSOVER LECTURE

Rabbi Jack Bieler will give the fourth discourse in his pre-yom-tov series on Saturday afternoon, April 4.

The pre-Pesach shiur will be held one hour before Mincha at 5:15 PM in the Etra Chapel.

No Cooking For You

Dinner will be served Friday evening to those who have previously made reservations. As we go to press, a small number of reservations remain available. It is \$35.00 for dinner and lunch (two meals) for adults and \$20.00 for children for the two meals. The deadline for reservations, space permitting, is this Monday, April 6.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND SECOND GENERATION PARTICIPANTS INVITED TO YOM HASHOAH CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY

BARBARA ARFA

Mother-Auschwitz; Father-Matthausen

CAROLYN ARFA

Daughter of Barbara Arfa

DR. RICHARD BORN

Mother-in hiding, Father-Warsaw Ghetto

DOINA BRYSKIN

Mother-Auschwitz & Buchenwald;

Father-Labor camps

ELISA BRYSKIN &**MATTHEW BRYSKIN**

Children of Doina Bryskin

FRED DISTENFELD

Both parents in hiding

RITA DISTENFELD

Both parents in hiding

LEO FOX

Mother-Auschwitz; Father-Labor camps

MARTINE FOX

Mother-Siberia,

Father-Buchenwald & labor camps

ELSE DE GRAAF

Came in 1939, lost family mostly in

Teresensdat & Bergen-Belsen

PAULA HERBST

Daughter of Else de Graaf

BERNARD HERBST

Mother-killed in camp; Father to Palestine

ANN HORNBLASS

Mother-Auschwitz;

Father-Auschwitz & labor camps

EVELYN KATZ

Mother-Auschwitz; Father-Czech

Russian Army

JUDY KLUGER

Mother-Auschwitz & Bergen Belsen;

Father-in hiding in woods in Czech.

GABRIELLA MAJOR

Concentration camps in Vienna

DEBBIE MAJOR & EUGENE MAJOR

Children of Dr. and Mrs. William Major

ROCHELLE MAJOR

Mother-Auschwitz;

Father-Russian Prison Camp

RABBI MAYER MOSKOWITZ

TransNiestra in Ukraine

NOAH NUNBERG

Both parents in Auschwitz

RALPH PERLBERGER

Westerbork & Bergen-Belsen

JODY PERLBERGER &**JILLIAN PERLBERGER**

Children of Ralph Perlberger

HERMAN RIEDERMAN

Forced labor & hiding in Budapest

FRIEDA RIEDERMAN

Auschwitz & Bergen-Belsen

WILLIAM ROSNER

Mother-labor camps;

Father-Partisan in Poland

HERMAN SMILOW

Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Dora labor

camp, Bergen-Belsen

LILY SMILOW

Auschwitz & Latvian Forest

DORIS WEISS

Father-Auschwitz, Dachau, Mydanick

REBECCA WEISS & SARAH WEISS

Daughters of Doris Weiss

KJ CALENDAR**Sunday, April 5 10:00 AM**

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY BRUNCH

HONORING RABBI

MOSHE ROSENBERG

Wednesday, April 8 7:00 PM

KASHER-IN

Friday-Saturday, April 10-11

ANNUAL SYNAGOGUE SHABBATON

Saturday, April 11

Laws of Passover Lecture 5:40 PM

Shabbat HaGadol Drasha 6:40 PM

Saturday, April 25 9:00 PM

YOM HASHOAH

Wednesday, April 29 8:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 2

KESHER SINGLES OF KJ

SHABBAT LUNCHEON WITH

LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

AT KJ

Sunday, May 3

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Monday, May 4 7:15 AM

YOM HAATZMAUT SERVICE

AND BREAKFAST

Monday, May 4 7:30 PM

YOM HAATZMAUT

SERVICE AND PROGRAM

Saturday, May 9

COUPLES CLUB SHABBATON

Sunday, May 10

FESTIVAL OF

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday, May 17

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

Wednesday, May 20

SISTERHOOD SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 27 7:15 AM

YOM YERUSHALAYIM SERVICE

AND BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE FOR A LOVELY EVENINGThe KJ Couples Club
cordially invites you to conclude the season with**AN ELEGANT DINNER CRUISE AROUND NEW YORK**

Buffet dinner and two bands

Thursday evening, June 11

\$120.00 per couple

The KJ Couples Club*cordially invites its members and friends to its***Annual Shabbaton and Luncheon****Saturday, May 9, 1987**

Adults \$23.00

Children \$8.00

Elaine Schreiber
Roberta Baumgarten
*Chairpersons***THANK YOU**

The Food Drive Committee thanks all the individuals who contributed canned fruit in the month of February and Kosher for Passover food in the months of March and April. The response has been overwhelming. The shopping cart has been filled to overflowing. The Committee will be collecting Kosher for Passover food until April 10. So, there is still time to give. This food will be given to Project Ezra who in turn distributes it to needy individuals on the Lower East Side.

After Passover, when we have feasted and celebrated our freedom, let us not forget the less fortunate. The food for the month of May will be CANNED VEGETABLES.

Many individuals will now be able to celebrate Passover. Once again, thank you for your contributions of Passover food.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT ABRAMS TO ADDRESS 115TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE CONGREGATION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1987
KEHILATH JESHURUN TO HONOR RAMAZ FOUNDING FAMILIES
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH JUBILEE OF THE SCHOOL**

The 115th Annual Meeting of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will be held this year on Wednesday evening, April 29, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Kamber Auditorium. The meeting will highlight the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Ramaz School which the congregation founded in 1937.

The Annual Meeting will offer us an opportunity to welcome more than 60 new families to our congregation. It will also be the instrument for the election of Officers and Trustees of the congregation and Trustees for Ramaz.

The main focus of the meeting this year, however, will be on the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Ramaz School. In September 1937 it was Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun that took the step to create an educational institution on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, an institution which has turned out to be the premier Jewish Day School in the country and perhaps in the world.

This year, therefore, the tribute to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, the Founder and first Principal of the school, will have special meaning. For this reason we have invited Hon. Robert Abrams, Attorney General of the State of New York, whose daughter Rachel is a student in the Lower School, to deliver the annual tribute to the late Rabbi Lookstein. We are honored that Bob Abrams has agreed to do this and we look forward to a most memorable presentation by him. At the same time, the congregation will honor a number of families and educators who rendered outstanding service to the school in its infancy and who have maintained an active interest and involvement with Ramaz up to the present day. This will be our opportunity, both as a congregation and representing Ramaz, to express our gratitude to people without whose efforts Ramaz might never have become the school that it is today.

We invite the entire membership of the congregation to attend what promises to be an Annual Meeting of an important historic nature. We know you will want to be part of this unique occasion.

A Modern Mikvah

is located in Our Community at
232-4 West 78th Street
(east of Broadway)
Telephone number
799-1520

YOM HASHOA — HOLOCAUST DAY

SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 25

**SPECIAL COMMEMORATION TO FEATURE SLIDES OF AUSCHWITZ,
TREBLINKA, CRACOW, WARSAW AND ISTANBUL BY
RABBI AND MRS. HASKEL LOOKSTEIN**

RAMAZ LOWER SCHOOL CHORUS TO PRESENT SPECIAL PROGRAM

The observance of Yom Hashoa — Holocaust Remembrance Day — continues to occupy an increasingly central place on the calendar of American Jewry and particularly here in the KJ/Ramaz community. This year Yom Hashoa falls on Sunday. We will therefore, have our commemorative program on Saturday night, at 9:00 o'clock, in the Main Synagogue.

**Candlelighting Ceremony for
Holocaust Survivors, their Children
and Grandchildren**

The commemoration will begin with a candlelighting ceremony which will be led by survivors of the Holocaust, and children and grandchildren of survivors. Elsewhere in this *Bulletin* you will find a list of those who have already been invited to participate in this ceremony and the particular Holocaust history of each family. We are most anxious to include everyone who comes from a family of survivors, in this candlelight ceremony. If you are among that group please call the synagogue office and give us the

necessary information. The program that evening will also feature choral presentations by the Ramaz Lower School Chorus under the direction of Jay Danzig. We will also have special readings and prayers. This year, however, there will be a unique presentation offered by Rabbi and Mrs. Haskell Lookstein, who recently returned from a UJA Rabbinic Cabinet Mission to Warsaw, Cracow, Auschwitz, Treblinka, Istanbul, Cairo and Israel. They will offer a brief slide presentation which will tell the story of the tragedies of our people and the redemption of the Jewish national homeland.

It has been said that our generation is the last generation of bondage and the first to experience redemption. The program on Yom Hashoa this year will highlight that transition from darkness to light, from mourning to gladness and from death to life.

We urge the entire community to plan to be with us in the Main Synagogue for Yom Hashoa, Saturday night, April 29, at 9:00 o'clock. The program should be completed before 10:30.

**YOM HA'ATZMAUT SERVICE AND PROGRAM
TO HONOR ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY**

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 4, at 7:30 P.M.

Once again Kehilath Jeshurun will be the site of the spirited observance and celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut — Israel Independence Day. Our observance on Monday evening, May 4, will include a service in the Main Synagogue led by Cantor Avrum Davis.

Part two of the evening will be a ZIMRIAH OF SONGS FROM ISRAEL AND OUR HERITAGE by the children of the Ramaz Lower School directed by the school's Director of Music, Jay Danzig.

The Zimriah will honor Israel's thirtieth anniversary and also honor the leaders and citizens of the state who help all Jews stand tall wherever we may be around the world. The songs reflect a pride in our people and the land of Israel and leave us with hope for peace in the future.

The entire KJ/Ramaz community is invited to join with us and enjoy much *nachas* from our children that evening:

**MONDAY EVENING, MAY 4
7:30 PM
IN THE MAIN SYNAGOGUE**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

We call to the attention of our readers that this year, Daylight Savings Time will begin several weeks earlier. The conversion to DLST will take place at 2 o'clock AM, on the first Sunday of April, April 5.

Since this significantly affects the time schedule of many Passover activities, we encourage you to look through the schedules in this *Bulletin* carefully.

PREPARING FOR PASSOVER 5747 1987

I. WHAT IS CHAMETZ

Chametz results when one of the five types of grain (wheat, barley, spelt, rye, oats) comes in contact with water and is allowed to stand for a brief period of time without being baked. In commemoration of the haste with which the Jews left Egypt, we are forbidden during the Passover festival to eat, own or derive benefit from anything that has been allowed the time to rise. Therefore, all grain products or mixtures of grain are prohibited on Passover.

Jews of Ashkenazic descent also avoid legumes (*kitniyot*) such as beans, peas, rice and other grains which could be ground into flour and confused with *chametz*. This prohibition applies only to the *eating* of such products, whereas their *possession* is permissible.

Matza, on the other hand, is the unleavened bread which we eat on Passover to commemorate the oppression of our ancestors by the Egyptians and their hasty departure from the Land. It is known as the "bread of affliction" and, as we eat it, we recall our debt of gratitude to God for bringing us out of Egypt and for the beginnings of our national history.

Compliance with the prohibition of eating or owning *chametz* takes three forms. The first is the actual removal of *chametz* from our homes, either through consuming it or disposing of it. This culminates in a search for *chametz* on the evening before Passover (*b'dikat chametz*) which is done this year on Sunday night, and in a symbolic burning of the *chametz* on the morning before Passover (*bi'ur chametz*) which is performed this year on Monday morning, before 11:30 AM. The second is the recitation of a formula of nullification of ownership over any *chametz* we still might have in our possession (*bitul chametz*). Finally, any *chametz* which can neither be consumed nor disposed of before Passover may be sold to a non-Jew through the Rabbi of the synagogue (*m'chirat chametz*). After Pesach, the non-Jew usually sells the *chametz* to be sold back to its original owner.

II. PREPARING THE HOME FOR PASSOVER

In addition to not using *chametz* products during the festival, we also avoid the use of dishes and utensils which have been used with *chametz* all year round. For that reason it is necessary to have two additional sets of dishes for Passover use.

These are stored away in a closet throughout the year and brought out for use only on Passover. At the same time, the year-round dishes and utensils are stored away, out of sight, during the Passover festival.

There are certain types of utensils that can be ritually cleansed—or kashered—for Passover use. These are discussed below.

1. Silver and Metal Utensils

Silverware, small pots and metal utensils may be kashered for Passover use. They must first be cleansed thoroughly and then allowed to stand unused for at least twenty-four hours. They are then completely immersed in a kettle or vat of boiling water.

Larger pots and kettles may be kashered by first cleansing them as above, allowing them to stand for 24 hours, then filling them with water to the very top, allowing the water to boil. A hot iron or stone is then placed inside the pot so that the boiling water runs over the sides of the pot.

We might add that china, pottery, earthenware, utensils that have different parts glued together and items that cannot be cleansed thoroughly (such as a sieve) cannot be kashered for Passover use.

2. Glassware

Glasses or glass plates which have *not* been used for hot liquids or solids during the year may be kashered for Passover by immersing them in cold water for a period of 72 hours. The water should be changed every 24 hours.

May we stress that glass utensils, pyrex, corningware, and the like which are used with heat must be treated as china and cannot be kashered. The best procedure for glassware is to have separate glassware for Passover use.

3. The Stove and Oven

Every part of the oven and stove must be *thoroughly* cleansed with a chemical cleanser and then allowed to stand for twenty-four hours or more without being used. The oven and racks must then be heated at the highest setting and allowed to stand for one hour at that setting.

The burners of the stove should be completely turned on in order to heat the grates at their maximum temperature for about 15 minutes. The other areas on the sides of the stove should be covered.

Microwave ovens may be used for Passover. They must first be thoroughly cleansed and allowed to sit for twenty-four hours. Then a large paper container of

water is brought to a boil inside the oven. Finally, a paper liner must cover the sides and bottom of the oven. A microwave oven may not be used on Shabbat or Yom Tov.

4. Dishwasher

Difficulties in kashering a dishwasher revolve around the difficulties in thoroughly cleaning it. Assuming that all of the corners, edges, and openings can be thoroughly cleaned with a commercial cleaner, a stainless steel or plastic lined dishwasher should not be used for 24 hours, and then run through three hot water cycles, using soap in the first one. There are also opinions that permit this to be done to a porcelain lined dishwasher when there is a great need. Racks which cannot be thoroughly cleaned should be replaced.

III. PASSOVER FOODS

Most foods that are used on Passover require rabbinic supervision. This is especially true of all processed foods. It is important to realize that a label indicating that the product is "Kosher for Passover" does not assure us of the adequacy of the supervision. Wherever possible, congregants should use ® products which have a special Passover supervision. If not, it is important to check on the reliability of the particular Rabbi who is giving the endorsement. Please feel free to ask Rabbis Lookstein or Polakoff in the event of any doubt on this matter.

1. Grain Products

All grain products require strict rabbinic supervision for Passover use.

2. Milk and Dairy Products

These, too, require supervision. Milk, however, may be purchased before Passover without supervision. If one has to purchase it during the festival, however, it requires supervision. Powdered milk, such as Alba, may be used on Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

All of these may be used (except for legumes — peas, beans, rice and corn which are all treated like *chametz*). If these fruits and vegetables are sold in a general grocery store, they should be washed very carefully before being used on Passover.

4. Dried Fruits

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

5. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

With the exception of the legumes that were mentioned above, frozen fruits and

vegetables, with no additives listed are usable for Passover without a rabbinic endorsement. Pure fruit juices, (such as orange, grapefruit and pineapple) with the exception of grape juice, may be purchased before Passover without a rabbinic endorsement.

Processed juices such as tomato, apple and prune require supervision.

6. Cosmetics

All cosmetic lotions, creams, ointments and toothpaste need no special Passover supervision.

7. Baby Foods

Most infant formulas contain corn or soy beans as starting ingredients. Since these are considered *kitniyot*, the baby's utensils and foods should be kept absolutely separate from everything else in the house. If an infant must eat *chametz* products, in accordance with a doctor's directive, a rabbi should be consulted. Otherwise all *chametz* products should be avoided.

8. Coffee

Some questions have arisen in the past about the adulteration of coffee with grain products. In the absence of specification, therefore, it would be preferable to purchase coffee with proper supervision for Passover.

9. All other foods

Those processed foods not mentioned in this listing require special supervision for Passover use.

10. Chametz after Passover

According to Jewish law *chametz* which was owned by a Jew during the holiday may never again be used by any other Jew. Therefore, after the holiday is over, one should make sure to buy *chametz* products from a Jew who has sold his *chametz* and not from a Jewish establishment which might have had the particular *chametz* product on the shelf during Passover. In order to avoid confusion, it is best to purchase such products from non-Jewish storekeepers until such time as the Passover stock has been completely used up and replenished with new foods.

OU PASSOVER FOODS DIRECTORY

There is a special Directory published by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America which contains a complete listing of those food products they certify as kosher for Passover. It will be mailed to all recipients of this *Bulletin* by the KJ Benevolent Fund. Additional copies will be available from our office.

SCHEDULE FOR PASSOVER SERVICES

Monday	April 13—Passover Eve
Morning Service	7:00 AM
A special service for the first born (Siyum) will be conducted following the regular services.	
Evening	7:20 PM
Candle Lighting	7:15 PM
Tuesday, April 14—Passover I	
Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	7:30 PM
Candle Lighting	AFTER 8:10 PM
Wednesday, April 15—Passover II	
Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	7:30 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov	8:13 PM
Services for Thursday and Friday Chol Hamoed	
Morning	7:15 AM
Evening	6:30 PM
Lighting of Candles on Friday Evening	7:19 PM
Saturday, April 18—Shabbat Chol Hamoed	
Morning	9:00 AM
Song of Songs will be read	
Evening	7:30 PM
Conclusion of Sabbath	8:16 PM
Sunday, April 19	
Morning	8:30 AM
Evening	7:30 PM
Candle Lighting	7:21 PM
Monday, April 20—Passover VII	
Morning	9:00 AM
Evening	7:30 PM
Candle Lighting	AFTER 8:19 PM
Tuesday, April 21—Passover VIII	
Morning	9:00 AM
Yizkor is recited as part of this Service	
Evening	7:40 PM
Conclusion of Yom Tov	8:20 PM

KASHER-IN

Wednesday, April 8

Kehilath Jeshurun will sponsor its *Kasher-In* this year on Wednesday evening, April 8, between 7:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.

Large containers of boiling water will be available in the second floor kitchen of the Kamber Auditorium so that people can bring their silver and metal utensils and prepare them for Passover use.

A Word of Caution

Remember that in order to *kasher* something for Passover the item to be *kashered* must first be cleansed thoroughly with a chemical cleanser and allowed to stand unused for at least 24 hours before the actual *kashering* procedure.

WHAT TO DO WITH CHAMETZ

The best thing to do with *chametz* during Passover is not to have it.

There are very many poor people in our city who cannot afford to eat properly and are unable to purchase adequate food for minimal sustenance.

We, therefore, urge you to bring sealed packages, cans, jars, bottles and other containers of *unopened* food to KJ at the time

of the *Kasher-In* on Wednesday evening, April 8, between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. We will then arrange for this food to be distributed to the non-Jewish needy and hungry of our community.

Performing this act of *chesed* is an important means of expressing the commandment to *love thy neighbor as thyself*.

B'DIKAT CHAMETZ

"Don't Miss It!"

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is *b'dikat chametz* — the search for *chametz*. The ceremony is composed of five parts.

1. Reciting a special blessing over the *mitzvah* of the removal of *chametz*.

2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of *chametz*.

3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.

4. The burning or disposal of any *chametz* found during the search.

5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

The first three parts of this ceremony will be observed this year on Sunday evening, April 12. The disposal and final nullification should take place on Monday morning. It is important to note that both formulas of nullification must be recited in a language that one understands. Children especially will be impressed by the ceremony. It should, therefore, be performed with enthusiasm and dedication.

The children should be asked to place the

pieces of *chametz* in the various rooms—a practice which ensures that the search will not be in vain. They can hold the candle and the feather; they should examine their own possessions, dressers and desks, for long forgotten relics of *chametz*.

Passover is a beautiful festival. It is a serious one, too. Both these aspects can be captured in advance of the festival by a careful observance of the ritual of *b'dikat chametz*.

Disposal of Chametz

No *chametz* may be eaten on Monday morning, April 13 after 10:30 A.M. All *chametz* must be completely disposed of by 11:30 A.M.

Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Monday morning, April 13. There are those who prefer to perform this ritual in person. Rabbi Lookstein, Rabbi Polakoff and Mr. Rosenberg are available for this purpose. For those who cannot attend to this matter in person, there is a form provided in this bulletin which authorizes Rabbi Lookstein to sell your

chametz. THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 13, NOT LATER THAN 8:30 A.M.

Individuals who will be in Israel for Passover should consult the rabbis in advance to make special arrangements.

Services for First Born

Passover Eve is a traditional fast for first born males. It is obligatory upon every first born man who cannot observe the fast on Monday, to attend the special service on that day, to join Rabbi Lookstein in completing a tractate from the Talmud, and to participate at its conclusion in the light collation that is served. The service for the first born (*Siyum Bechorim*) will be held in the Main Synagogue on Monday, April 13, as part of the regular morning service which begins at 7:00 A.M.

SOME SEDER SUGGESTIONS

The Passover Seder is probably the most meaningful of all home observances in the Jewish calendar year. It has been designed as a masterpiece of pedagogic method to interest the young, to maintain their enthusiasm and to teach important lessons. In order to get the most out of the Seder, there are a number of things that should be kept in mind.

1. Be sure that there is a Haggadah for each member of the Seder.

2. The leader of the Seder should study the Haggadah in advance and decide upon questions and stories which he might want to use at various points in order to awaken interest.

3. The reading of the Haggadah should be rotated among the different people around the Seder table. Passages can be read in Hebrew and/or in English.

4. Recite all blessings in unison so that everyone feels a part of the ceremony.

5. Do not be afraid to interrupt in the middle of a reading to ask a question, to make a point or to launch a discussion. Wherever possible, try to relate the historical passages to modern events.

6. Children should perhaps be asked to prepare in advance a dramatization of certain portions of the Haggadah which lend themselves to such an exercise. Examples are the Four Sons and also the Pesach, Matzah and Maror.

7. Do not let the hunt for the *Afikoman* transcend the importance of the Seder itself. Let that be done during the meal. The determined "thief" should be rewarded with a prize of Jewish significance.

THE NEW MATZAH OF HOPE

At the Seder table one should have four matzot, the three traditional ones and an additional matzah, which will not be eaten and which symbolizes the plight of our brethren of the Soviet Union, most of whom are unable to obtain matzah for Passover.

Just prior to the reciting of the four questions, the leader of the Seder should list this extra matzah and read the following proclamation:

This Matzah which we set aside as a symbol of hope for the Jews of the Soviet Union, reminds us of the indestructible links that exist between us.

As we observe this Festival of Freedom, we recall that Soviet Jews are not free to leave without harassment; to learn of their past; to pass on their religious traditions; to learn the language of their fathers; to train teachers and rabbis of future generations.

We remember the scores who thought to live as Jews and struggled to leave for Israel—the land of our fathers—but now languish in Soviet labor camps. Their struggle against their oppressors goes on. They will not be forgotten.

We will stand with them in their struggle until the light of freedom and redemption shines forth.

FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

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_____ or in my place of business, or in any other place, without reservation and limitation.

If you plan to spend Passover in Israel please check this box ☐

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return to the Synagogue office by Monday, April 13, at 8:30 A.M.

SOVIET JEWRY AT PASSOVER

At Passover, when we join with our families to celebrate the Jewish people's exodus from slavery to freedom, it must be remembered that so many of our Jewish brethren have yet to realize their own freedom.

In the Soviet Union, despite General Secretary Gorbachev's highly publicized "glasnost" campaign, scores of Jews have not yet felt the "openness" of this new society. 1986 emigration figures were among the lowest ever and there has been little sign of a significant change for 1987. Jews are still not allowed to practice their religion and culture, and face the threat of imprisonment for teaching the language of their people. Although Iosif Begun was recently released from prison for his "crime" of teaching Hebrew, he and all other refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience will not truly be free until they are allowed to emigrate to Israel.

As the Haggadah tells us, in every generation each person should act and feel as though he or she had personally gone forth from Egypt. In our generation, we cannot yet consider ourselves free until we have personally acted to help bring our Soviet brothers and sisters to freedom. That is why on this May 3rd, Solidarity Sunday, it is imperative that we come together to march and rally for the freedom of Soviet Jews, and let it be known that we will not rest until all Soviet Jews are allowed to return to their homeland, Israel.

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PASSOVER RELIEF — WE NEED YOUR HELP

The first order of business in preparing for Passover is to provide funds for the needy. This practice is recorded in the first paragraph of the Code of Jewish Law in the section which deals with Passover. It is, therefore, on our minds right now.

The Kehilath Jeshurun Benevolent Fund undertakes an annual appeal at this season of the year in order to do several things:

1. To make a substantial contribution to the Joint Passover Association which provides direct assistance to needy Jews in this city.
2. To provide help and sustenance to others who might not come to the attention of the JPA or who need extraordinary assistance.

3. To send substantial subventions to a variety of institutions both here and in Israel which call upon us now and throughout the year in order to help them in their work: Jewish hospitals in Israel, yeshivot, chesed organizations of all kinds and other similar causes.

We do not conduct appeals for individual organizations throughout the year. Your one gift at Passover time serves, therefore, a variety of needs and causes. We ask you to keep this in mind as you decide on your contribution to Passover Relief this year. Please be as generous as you can so that we will be able to be as magnanimous as possible to those who depend on us.

1987-1988 Book of Remembrance Now In Preparation

Once again during this season of the year, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun will publish a Book of Remembrance in which the names of departed dear ones are recorded by their living relatives who recite *Yizkor* for them four times a year. At the *Yizkor* service there is a prayer which says that an offering has been made in memory of those for whom *Yizkor* was recited.

Members of the congregation and the community-at-large may authorize us to publish the names of their departed relatives by making a token contribution of \$10 or more for each name to be memorialized. Please use the form below if you wish us to record names for you.

The Book will go to press on Thursday, May 7, so that it will be ready in time for *Shavuot*.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

Book of Remembrance

Enclosed please find my *Yizkor* offerings* for the entire year in memory of those listed below, who are to be recorded in the Book of Remembrance published by the congregation.

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(Please return to our office by Thursday, May 7.)*

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MIRACLES

(On February 3, I attended a National Officers meeting of the UJA in Atlanta. The meeting began with a d'var Torah presented by Anita Gray. Anita is a Jew by choice, not by birth. Her insight into the subject of miracles may prove particularly instructive as we prepare for the miracle of Jewish deliverance represented by Passover. I hope her words inspire you as much as they inspired me. H.L.)

I have the distinct pleasure of delivering the d'var Torah for Shabbat Bo taken from the Book of Exodus. The text starts with the eighth plague to descend upon the Egyptians, locusts, and continues on with the plague of darkness, the slaying of the firstborn and, finally, the redemption of the Israelites.

It is really exciting reading and one of the most famous stories in the Torah which continues some passages with which we are all familiar. But for those of you who want to hear more about it, you'll just have to go to shul this Shabbos to listen to this particular parsha, because I'd like to talk to you about MIRACLES!

I first learned about this story in 1955. I was a child of seven studying in a Catholic school what I then called the Old Testament.

I remember thinking a couple of things. That the Pharaoh must have been a really stupid man. Even a seven year old could figure out that anyone who could turn water into blood, send frogs, gnats, beetles, pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and smite your firstborn son was somebody not to mess with.

But what really had an impact on me was those good, old-fashioned miracles.

It is now 1987, and many years have passed. I am no longer a child of seven, but a woman of 38, as old as the modern day State of Israel. Marty (Martin Stein, National Chairman of UJA) sent me back into what I now call the Torah. After I read the parsha, I couldn't help but think about those mind-boggling events and wonder, "Does God still perform miracles in this high-tech age in which we now live?" And if the Lord does, "are they just as good?"

I think the answer is . . . YES!

Let me tell you about a few of the things that I consider to be modern day miracles. Please don't think me simplistic, but the sky, the planets, the seas and the earth. Isn't it a miracle that although we have possessed the nuclear capability for some years now, we actually haven't blown ourselves up?

Who would have thought in 1945, that out of the remnants of the Holocaust, we could have achieved as much as we have today for world Jewry? That we would have our own country, given birth to a short time ago and still developing . . . but one, which in 38 years would be exporting 75% of the world's laser technology equipment?

I can't help but think of my children, and your children, and your children's children as creations of awe and wonder. And here I stand. Coming from a background so very different, so diametrically opposite. Choosing a life that is many times more beautiful—but also many times more difficult. I'm not alone. Conservatively speaking, 10,000 to 12,000 people each year choose to become Jews, and enthusiastically infuse our religion with new meaning in a time when assimilation is a growing worry.

Think about the very survival of us for thousands of years from the ancient Pharaohs to those of modern days who still hold captive some of our people. And don't forget about the work we are all engaged in here at the United Jewish Appeal. Aren't we quasi-miracle makers when we help feed the hungry and clothe the naked, as we build the people and the Land of Israel.

And in about 20 years, when the entire book can be written about our rescue efforts on behalf of Beta Yisroel, Ethiopian Jewry, I believe we will view this as a modern day miracle.

Today's miracles can be just as exciting and perhaps more so than the old-fashioned kind found in the Torah. We live in a much more sophisticated world, and because we've all done a lot more living than the ancients, I can't help but think that God has to work harder at putting together today's kind.

FESTIVAL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

On Sunday, May 10, the 92nd Street Y is sponsoring a Manhattan-wide Festival of Jewish Organizations. The chief goal of the Festival is to give Jewish organizations a forum in which to showcase their work to the Jewish community. The program will consist of an array of kosher food, raffles, master storytellers for the children and informed talks by well-known personalities.

Kehilath Jeshurun will be sponsoring a booth at the Festival. A video highlighting the programs and functions of the synagogue will be displayed.

The Festival will take place from Noon to 5:00 PM at the 92nd Street Y, 1395 Lexington Avenue. Admission is free. There will be something for everyone. So, reserve Sunday, May 10, and be sure to visit the KJ booth.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to our Trustee and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Kabakow on the birth of a granddaughter to their children, Etta and Avrohom Winer of Israel.

Mazel tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Mayer Moskowitz on the birth of a granddaughter, Liba Na'ava to his children, Meshulam and Pauline Moskowitz of Israel.

May all of these children grow up in the finest tradition of *Torah*, *chupah* and *ma'asim tovim*.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel tov to our member Robert Friedman upon his engagement to Judy L. Rosenzweig of Woodmere.

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Scharfstein on the engagement of their son Jonathan to Suzanne King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald King of Los Angeles.

May these weddings take place with happiness and blessing.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mrs. Ceil Kabakow on the passing of her brother, Phillip Dore.

Our condolences to Hon. Norman Ryp on the passing of his brother, Herbert Ryp.

May these Mourners be comforted among all those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

HONORS TO REMEMBER

We are pleased to announce that our member, Marco Wachter who resides in Florence, Italy, but who spent his formative years here at KJ, was just elected into the Soccer Hall of Fame at CCNY. He was honored for his starring roll on the soccer team at City College from 1957 to 1960, during which time the team won the National Championship twice and was second in one year. Marco was the second highest scorer on the team.

A THANK YOU FOR PURIM

The congregation would like to extend its thanks to the following young men who served as readers and cantors during a most memorable Purim Saturday night and Sunday. We are very grateful to them for sharing their talent, time and spirit with us.

Jonathan Blum	Seth Kenvin
Daniel Brown	Jeffrey Kobrin
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Jackie Eisenstat	Ori Pagovich
Leo Esses	Steven Rubenstein
Robert Geisler	Daniel Silverman
Elliot Hornblass	Larry Tanz
Jonathan Hornblass	Elisha Wiesel

B'NAI MITZVAH

Jonathan Boyarsky



Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Boyarsky on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan, which will take place on Saturday, May 16. Jonathan will read from the weekly portion of Emor and the Haftorah.

Jonathan is a student in the seventh grade at York Prep.

Daniel Messeloff



Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Messeloff on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel, which will take place on Saturday, June 6. Daniel will read the weekly portion of Naso and the Haftorah.

Daniel is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

Guy Vidra

Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vidra on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Guy, which will take place on Saturday, May 23. Guy will read from the weekly portion of Bechukotai and the Haftorah.

Guy is a student in the seventh grade of the Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein Upper School of Ramaz.

IF, IN AN EMERGENCY

You must reach a Synagogue Official at home, please note the following telephone numbers:

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein.....628-0340
 Rabbi Dale Polakoff.....628-5553
 Cantor Avrum Davis.....534-3733
 Mr. Israel D. Rosenberg.....831-3684
 Mr. Robert J. Leifert...(201) 837-1018

In Memoriam

HILDA BERGER KAUFMAN

We mourn the passing of a senior member of our congregation who has been affiliated with us for over a decade and who so much enjoyed her association with Kehilath Jeshurun. Hilda was a grand Jewish lady, who loved Judaism, the Jewish people and the Land of Israel, and who manifested her concern through generosity of heart and substance. She had the capacity to make many friends and she was particularly close to our devoted member, Fanny Wald.

Bright and perceptive about Jewish life, she took great pride in being a member of the Lay Advisory Council of the New York Board of Rabbis. She was interested in every aspect of Jewish life.

Kehilath Jeshurun has lost a good friend and the Jewish people a committed servant. We extend our fullest sympathy to her children and to all the members of the bereaved family.

ACADEMIC NEWS REQUESTED

At this season of the year we are already beginning to think of the milestones and honors which the members of the Congregation and their families will be experiencing during the coming months.

We would like to record all of those honors in the next *Bulletin*. If you or anyone you know is observing such a milestone or receiving a particular honor in academic or professional life, we ask you to please send us the information without delay. It is one more way of creating the family spirit we like to foster at KJ and Ramaz.

We hope to hear from you soon.

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A beautiful and traditional way of observing a *yahrzeit*, anniversary, birthday or special *simcha* is to celebrate with the community by sponsoring a Shabbat morning kiddush. Since August, there has been a sponsor each week, and others wishing to be sponsors have been unable to do so.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

		Friday Lighting of Candles	Friday Evening Services	Sabbath Afternoon Services	Sabbath Ends
April					
3-4	Vayikra	6:03	6:15	6:15	7:00
11-12	Zav	7:10	6:45	6:45	8:08
24-25	Shemini	7:25	6:45	7:40	8:25
May					
1-2	Tazria-Mezorah	7:32	6:45	7:45	8:32
8-9	Achare-Kedoshim	7:39	6:45	7:50	8:40
15-16	Emor	7:46	6:45	8:00	8:47
22-23	Behar-Bechukotai	7:53	6:45	8:00	8:55
29-30	Bamidbar	7:58	6:45	8:10	9:01
Weekday Mornings		7:30 AM			
Monday, Thursday and					
Rosh Chodesh Weekdays ..		7:15 AM			
Evenings					
(Except Saturday)					
April 5-May 24		6:30 PM			
May 25-May 28		6:45 PM			
Saturday Morning					
Shacharit				9:00 AM	
Beginner's Service				10:00 AM	
Youth Minyan				10:00 AM	
Junior Congregation				10:30 AM	
K"Tan Tan (Ages 3-4)				10:30 AM	
Machon					
(Kindergarten-Grade 1) ...				10:30 AM	

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 29 & Thursday, April 30
Rosh Chodesh Iyar (Morning Services at 7:15)

Monday, May 4

Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Morning Services at 7:15)

Wednesday, May 27

Yom Yerushalayim (Morning Services at 7:15)

Friday, May 29

Rosh Chodesh Sivan (Morning Services at 7:15)

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